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Field Crops

For the week ending July 17, harvest has been completed on 99 percent of the durum wheat acreage and 100 percent of the barley acreage. Squaring has occurred on 85 percent of the cotton acreage while bolls have set on 50 percent of the acreage. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly good. Range and pasture conditions are mostly poor to fair.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending July 16. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Gila Bend to 7 degrees above normal at Canyon de Chelly and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 120 degrees at Parker and the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 42 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 17 reporting stations. Payson received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.15 inches and Flagstaff received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.51 inches. All reporting stations except Tucson are above normal precipitation for this time of year.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped carrots, cantaloupes, honeydews, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other specialty melons.

Western Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other specialty melons.

	Crop Condition				
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	2	20	61	17
Cotton	0	4	32	50	14
Range and Pasture	22	38	28	9	3

	Crop Progress			
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Squaring	85	80	100	96
Setting Bolls	50	47	63	67
Durum Wheat –	99	98	100	99
Barley – Harvested	100	100	99	99

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
July 10 - July 16, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	7	104	56	0.00	6.57	4.15
Casa Grande	91	4	115	69	0.00	5.11	3.41
Coolidge	91	3	114	68	0.00	5.43	4.03
Douglas	79	6	106	59	0.23	5.37	4.39
Flagstaff	66	4	92	42	0.51	16.42	10.86
Gila Bend	94	2	114	74	0.00	3.09	2.91
Grand Canyon	67	6	97	44	0.00	11.72	8.19
Kingman	82	4	110	57	0.00	7.77	4.94
Parker	93	4	120	75	0.00	4.22	2.61
Payson	75	4	102	54	0.15	14.92	10.48
Phoenix	95	4	115	82	0.00	5.30	3.58
Prescott Airport	73	7	100	55	0.00	10.26	5.92
Safford Ag Center	83	3	108	60	0.00	4.64	3.57
Tucson	87	6	110	72	0.00	3.64	4.33
Willcox	80	3	104	59	0.00	4.96	4.77
Winslow	77	5	105	50	0.00	4.27	3.07
Yuma	93	4	114	77	0.00	2.80	1.17

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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